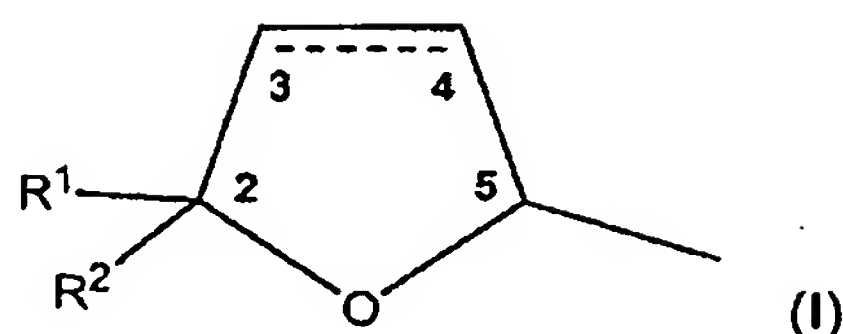


Claims

1. A compound of formula (I)



wherein

R<sup>1</sup> is methyl, ethyl, propyl or iso-propyl;

R<sup>2</sup> is a branched C<sub>4</sub> - C<sub>7</sub> alkyl, C<sub>5</sub> - C<sub>8</sub> cycloalkyl, or mono- or disubstituted C<sub>5</sub> or C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl; and

the bond between C-3 and C-4 is a single bond, or the dotted line together with the bond between C-3 and C-4 represents a double bond.

2. A compound according to claim 1 selected from the group consisting of 2-*tert*-butyl-5-methyl-2-propyl-2,5-dihydrofuran, 2-*tert*-butyl-5-methyl-2-propyltetrahydrofuran, 2-*tert*-butyl-2-isopropyl-5-methyl-2,5-dihydrofuran, 2-*tert*-butyl-2-isopropyl-5-methyltetrahydrofuran, 2-*tert*-butyl-2-ethyl-5-methyl-2,5-dihydrofuran, 2-*tert*-butyl-2-ethyl-5-methyltetrahydrofuran, 2-*tert*-butyl-2,5-dimethyl-2,5-dihydrofuran, 2-*tert*-butyl-2,5-dimethyltetrahydrofuran, 2-(3',3'-dimethylcyclohexyl)-2,5-dimethyl-2,5-dihydrofuran, and 2-(3',3'-dimethylcyclohexyl)-2,5-dimethyltetrahydrofuran.
3. Use as odorant of a compound of formula (I) as defined by claim 1 or 2..
4. A flavour or fragrance composition comprising a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1 or 2.
5. A method of manufacturing a flavour or fragrance composition, comprising the step of incorporating a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1 or 2 into a base material.

6. A method of manufacturing a fragrance application, comprising the incorporation of a compound of formula (I) as defined in claim 1 or 2.
7. A method according to claim 6 wherein the fragrance application is selected from the group consisting of perfumes, household products, laundry products, body care products and cosmetics.